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Members of the Steering Committee,

The Wild Salmon Center was recently contacted by Scott Learn, a reporter from the Oregonian who attended the recent NASSP meeting and is interested in writing a story on the Stronghold Partnership.

The intent of this article is to present a positive story about how the partnership will fill gaps and complement existing ESA and other restoration activities. Although I have stressed the importance of this big picture concept in general terms, the reporter has asked for specific numbers such as abundance and estimated funds invested in strongholds vs. non-strongholds. While we don't currently have these numbers, we plan to work with ODFW and OWEB to determine what level of specificity we or Steering Committee members may be able to provide to respond to this request. I would appreciate any guidance that members of the Steering Committee are able to provide in this area.

The reporter also expressed interest in visiting an Oregon Stronghold in person. In the coming weeks, I will likely accompany the reporter on a site visit to the Rogue (Illinois) where I will

introduce him to Kevin O'Brien, the Illinois Valley Soil and Water Conservation District manager and NASSP basin liaison that gave an impressive presentation at our June meeting. Others that may be contacted by the reporter include Ian Reed (USFS), Dan Van Dyke (ODFW), and other conservation partners identified by Kevin.

I welcome your thoughts and suggestions.

On a related and sensitive issue, in the future we will vet the names of potential liaisons with the Steering Committee on regularly scheduled calls prior to settling on individuals. If the names raise red flags, you can either raise issues on the conference call or talk with NASSP partnership staff directly.

Please call or email me prior to July 7th if you have and questions or would like to advise me/or recommend talking points for the reporter.

Best wishes,

Jay